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In its recently released annual report, the **US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** has recommended that Vietnam be designated as a country of particular concern, reasoning that the country still prohibits, monitors and discriminates religious activities, including Christianity. However, the recommendation does not reflect the true situation in Vietnam.

This is not the first time that the **USCIRF** has made such a recommendation. Since **the commission** was established in 1998, it has continuously disseminated false information about the religious situation in Vietnam. Especially after the US Department of State removed Vietnam from the list of Countries of Particular Concern (CPC) in 2006, it has sought to exert more influence in the US Government to include Vietnam in the CPC list again.

This year, **the commission** reported that there were property disputes between the Catholic Church and the administration, including the case of Thai Ha parish. The information was provided by several Redemptorist priests such as Le Quang Huy and Nguyen Van Khai who claim to be acting in the name of God and in the interests of the nation. What they did, in fact, is quite contrary to God's teachings and very harmful to the administration and the bloc of national unity.